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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner  
Robert B. Harrell

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## Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/10/99 et al.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 243
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☒ Other: Office Action

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1. Claims 1-30 are presented for examination.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The claims are more directed to Discovery Of Managed Devices Using SNMP Over A TCP/IP Network.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371 (c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being clearly anticipated by Compliment et al. (US 6,360,260 B1).
5. Per claim 1, Compliment taught of a network apparatus (eg., see figure 1) comprising a management station (eg., see figure 1 "Management Station 1") adapted to couple with a network (eg., all subnets of figure 1 including LANs) including a plurality of managed devices (eg., see Title and Abstract), the management station being configured to output a plurality of initial commands (eg., see col. 3 (lines 4-11) and col. 5 (lines 30-48)) for application to respective managed devices, the initial

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commands being configured to stimulate initial responses (eg., see col. 3 (lines 36-39) and col. 5 (line 30-48)) from the managed devices, the management station being further configured to receive the initial responses, to identify responding ones of the managed devices response to the received initial responses, and to provide an asset table (eg., see figure 7) containing the identified managed devices (eg., see col. 5 (lines 15-23) and col. 7 (line 1 et-seq.)) [it is noted that the claims fail to recite where the asset table is stored, however it was clearly anticipated that the Management Station copied the table and thus a copy would have been located in both the Management Station and the managed devices]]).

6. Per claims 2 and 3, see Title, Abstract, and col. 4 (lines 39-58)).

7. Per claim 4, see col. 5 (lines 39-48).

8. Per claim 5, such covers a "status" of the device which clear could have been "off-line" or "not available" and thus it was anticipated such status would have been communicated to the Management Station.

9. Per claims 6 and 7, see col. 6 (lines 14-23) in the device type was known to have been communicated to the Management Station.

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10. Per claims 8-30, they do not teach or define above the correspondingly rejected claims and are thus rejected for the reasons outlined above.

11. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days from the data of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see MPEP 710.02, 710.02(b)).

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Harrell whose telephone number is (703) 305-9692. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and on weekends from 6:00 am to 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.

13. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone numbers for the Group are (703) 746-7238 for After-Final, (703) 746-7239 for Official Papers, and (703) 746-7240 for Non-Official and Draft papers.

14. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.



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